GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRAPRADESH
ABSTRACT

Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department – Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI) - State Food Laboratory in the premises of Regional Public Health Laboratory, Visakhapatnam under central sector scheme - Notification- Orders- issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE(H1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.44 **Dated:29.03.2023.**

Read the following: -

1. Food Safety and Standards Act 2006.
2. From the Director, Institute of Preventive Medicine(IPM), e-Office file bearing Comp.No.1986387.

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ORDER:

Government of India has promulgated integrated food law-Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 (Central Act No.34 of 2006) by repealing the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 (Act 37 of 1954) to regulate/monitor the manufacture, sale, store, distribution, import of any article of food so as to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption and the Act came into force w.e.f 05-08-2011.

2. The implementation of the Act has been entrusted to States/Union Territories in the country since ensuring food safety is a regulatory activity. One of the statutory requirements to ensure food safety is the analysis of food articles in the Food Laboratory. The object of the food laboratory under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 is to detect food adulteration and furnish reports of analysis to enforcement authorities for taking appropriate action against the person responsible for the sale of adulterated food articles for human consumption.

3. Due to reorganization of the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh, the State Food Laboratory was allocated to Telangana State based on geographical location but still rendering service for analysis of food samples of Andhra Pradesh State under Memorandum of understanding(MoU) but there are hassles being faced to get the reports in time.

4. The Food Safety Standards Authority of India has initiated to strengthen the Food Safety ecosystem in India by entering MoU with States under CSS-Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The Department of Institute of Preventive Medicine(IPM) has entered MoU with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI) for an amount of Rs.14.22 crore under 60:40 sharing of GoI and State ratio respectively and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI) released the first installment of Rs.10.16 crore for different components including strengthening of food testing labs in Andhra Pradesh with an outlay of Rs 8.00 crores. (Rs. 4 Cr basic lab equipment, Rs. 3.5 Cr -Microbiological Laboratory, Rs. 50 Lakh civil work).

5. The Director, Institute of Preventive Medicine(IPM) has therefore requested to notify the State Food Laboratory in the premises of the Regional Public Health Laboratory, Visakhapatnam for the entire State of Andhra Pradesh to strengthen the food safety ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme since there is no State Food Laboratory in Andhra Pradesh to analyze the statutory food samples.

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6. Government after examination of the matter, here by issue following notification:

NOTIFICATION

7. In exercise of the powers conferred under the section 43 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 under CHAPTER VIII, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notify the State Food Laboratory in the premises of the Regional Public Health Laboratory, Visakhapatnam to strengthen the food safety ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme for the purpose of undertaking the analysis of statutory food samples.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.T. KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase (Printing Wing), Vijayawada for publication of the notification in the Andhra Pradesh Extraordinary Gazette with a request to supply (50) copies.
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